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SETTING UP OF POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has identified sites at Ratnagiri andVidarbha region for setting up of two thermal power projects of 1000 MW each;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the views of the State Government and Maharashtra State Electricity Board(MSEB) have been obtained by N.T.P.C. on the said projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the projects are likely to start functioning?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a), (b) & (e) : The setting up of a power plant in a particular region/State by the NationalThermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is determined with reference to availability of coal/fuel, demand and supply position in the region, availability of key inputs like land, water, project site meeting environmental standards and guidelines with minimum displacement of Project Affected Persons and acquisition of minimum prime agricultural/forest land, ability of the beneficiary States to pay and willingness to sign Power Purchase Agreement with adequate safeguards mechanisms and other techno- economic considerations. As a part of its long term capacity addition programme, NTPCis exploring some sites in Konkan and Vidarbha regions of Maharashtra to assess theirprima-facie suitability keeping in view the above aspects for setting up thermal power plant there.

(c) & (d) : NTPC will take steps to obtain necessary clearances and commitments inrespect of availability of land, water, no objection from State Pollution Control Board, the State Government and other agencies after techno-economic feasibility of the proposed power plant is established and its location is finalised.